(c) The quantity of SCN produced in BPCL's Mumbai Refinery during the last 3 years is as under:-

(Figures in TMT)

year	Quantity
1994-95	228.3
1995-96	219.4
1996-97	312.0

The consumers for SCN are M/s. Reliance Industries Ltd. Patalganga for producing value added petrochemicals.

(d) The shortfall in HSD production is met by imports.

Criteria for Allocating Permanent Gas Connections

1977. SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for allocating permanent gas connection to the consumers in India; and

(b) the details thereof and whether it is a fact that some of the consumers have not got gas connection for last seven years since they have applied for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As per the extant policy, the procedure followed for release of new LPG connections by the Public Sector Oil Companies is as under:

The customer has to register at the distributorship after producting proof of residense and obtain the waitlist registration slip showing the waitlist registration number. On maturity of the waiting list, distributor will advise the person for availing the new domestic connection. After varifying the requisity documents, the distributor arranges for the inspection of hot plate and also verification of the residential address. On verification of the above details, the distributor issues a subscription voucher on collection of the security deposit and other recoverable amount from the customer for releasing the connections. Thereafter the connection is installed at the customers premises.

A person can also get new LPG domestic connection immediately under Tatkal Scheme on payment of one time lumpsum non-refundable amount of Rs. 4000/- in addition to normal security deposity.

As on 1.4.97, some distributors of the public sector Oil Marketing Companies were holding waitinglist for more than 7 years old. However, as per the directions of the Government in April, 1997, the Oil Companies would be clearing the waitlist of prior to 1.1.91 by 30.9.97.

Diversion of Kerosene for Adulteration of Diesel

1978. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per Government's estimate one third of kerosene supplies have been diverted to adulteration of diesel, due to the vast difference in the sale price of Kerosence and diesel; and

(b) whether, with the proposed hike in the prices of all petroleum products except kerosene, this gap is likelty to further widen, if so, what steps are contemplated to effectively prevent such diversion of kerosene and its use for adulteration of diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A study made, about three